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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE NEXT TO LAST DAY OF THE U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO LENDINGRAD WENT EXTREMELY WELL AND THE PATTERN OF WARM MUTUAL HOSPITALITY CONTINUES UNABATED. END SUMMARY.

2. U. S. SAILORS ARE ENJOYING THEIR LAST HOURS OF LIBERTY AROUND LENDINGRAD AS THE USS LEAHY AND USS TATTNALL PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE AT 0900 ON MAY 17. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT WEEK FOR ALL CONCERNED WITH THE VISIT, AMERICANS AND SOVIETS. TOURS AND EXCURSIONS FOR CREW MEMBERS ARE CONTINUING RIGHT UP TO THE END AND U.S. SAILORS WILL HAVE THEIR LAST OPPORTUNITY EVENING OF MAY 16 TO SAMPLE LENDINGRAD'S LIBERTY POSSIBILITIES. CONSUL GENERAL WILL HOST RECEPTION AT 1800 FOR OVER 300 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN GUESTS, CONCLUDING WEEK'S STRENUOUS ROUND OF RECIPROCAL LUNCHEONS, DINNERS, AND RECEPTIONS. TOMORROW'S REPORT WILL INDICATE NAMES OF THOSE SOVIET OFFICIALS WHO ATTEND, BUT EVERY INDICATION

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IS THAT INVITATIONS ARE HOT ITEMS.

3. REAR ADMIRAL LANGILLE HOSTED ON BOARD RECEPTION EVENING OF MAY 15 FOR 130 SOVIET MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS, CONGEN AND U.S. NAVAL OFFICERS. WEATHER WAS IDEAL AND GROUP WAS EASILY ACCOMMODATE ON FANTAIL OF U.S.S. LEAHY. SIXTH FLEET BAND DETACHMENT MADE GREAT HIT BY PLAYING POPULAR MUSIC ON PIER DURING COURSE OF RECEPTION WITH SOME 2,000 LENINGRAD CITIZENS LOOKING ON FROM BEHIND FENCE ALONG PIER. VICE ADMIRAL V.M. LEONENKOV WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYING HIMSELF. TOWARD CLOSE OF RECEPTION, HE PRESENTED ADMIRAL LANGILLE WITH SOVIET NAVY FLAG, REMARKING THAT IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT FLAGS COULD ONLY BE EXCHANGED IN SUCH MANNER DURING TIME OF PEACE.

4. CONSUL GENERAL HOSTED FOLLOW ON DINNER AT HIS RESIDENCE ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. STOESSEL, ELIZABETH TAYLOR AND ESCORT HENRY WYNBERT, DPO AND BPAO AND WIVES, CG'S SECRETARY, WIFE OF MOSCOW DATT REAR ADMIRAL JAMES MAYO, AND, FROM SHIPS, REAR ADMIRAL LANGILLE, CAPTAIN SINCLAIR, CAPTAIN JETT, CAPTAIN KRAFT, AND COMMANDER FEATHERSTONE. MISS TAYLOR HELD UP HER END OF THE CONVERSATION.

5. BAND DETACHMENT IS PLAYING ON PIER AFTERNOON OF MAY 16, ACCOMPANYING A CHORAL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WHO JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN LENINGRAD ON A TOUR. AN AUDIENCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED SOVIETS CLEARLY FINDS IT VERY ENTERTAINING.
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